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# Newsletter

## Number 04

23 February 2018



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### Thanks

... to those parents (and children) who attended interviews this week.

... to those supporting our swimmers at next week's Zone Swimming Sports at Kokopu School

... to those supporting our Tri-Kids at Kai Iwi Lakes today.

### People of the week

... our departing Korean students. Thank you for your friendship and involvement over the previous 4 weeks. Travel safely and keep in touch.

... Zac and Connor who won the "Children's Nature Garden" category in the "National Yates Spring Vege Growing Challenge". This is a huge achievement boys. Well done! (You can read more about their gardens in yesterday's Advocate).

... to those (including teachers) who have worked so hard in the run up to the year 5 and 6 camp.

... to the Year 7s who entered the TriAthlon at Kai Iwi Lakes today and performed very well! Congratulations.

### Term calendar ... *More to follow as dates come to hand!*

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| 27 Feb      | Zone Swimming Sports at Kokopu School              |
| 1 / 2 March | Kio Rahi (more to follow)                          |
| 6 - 9 March | Year 5 and 6 camp                                  |
| 12 March    | School Swimming Sports (years 4 to 8)              |
| 14 March    | Interschool Swimming Sports                        |
| 15 March    | School Swimming Sports (years 1 to 3)              |
| 19 March    | Junior Marine Trip 1                               |
| 20 March    | School Duathlon - Teams Event                      |
| 21 March    | School Duathlon - Individual Event                 |
| 26 March    | Junior Marine Trip 2                               |
| 27 March    | ESOL Trip (more to follow)                         |
| 9 April     | Visiting Drama Group                               |
| 11 April    | Northland Swim Champs                              |
| 13 April    | Final day of term 1 (30 April first day of term 2) |

### Request for Parent Helpers

If you have a few hours each week to work in a classroom, the library, the office, etc, please connect with your child's teacher or the school office and we will match you to a task of your choice. Parent help at school makes a huge difference to staff workloads, freeing staff to work with children, and contributes to the smooth operation of the school. We know you are busy, but would be hugely grateful for any time you are able to give.

### Needing help with your child's digital device?

Mr D is happy to answer any questions you might have and can be contacted via our school email.

**In last week's newsletter (available via our website - newsletter tab, or from the office on request)**

Senior Study Hour  
Senior School T-shirts

Lunches  
Headlice

Learning Support Programme  
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Homework

**Zone Swimming Sports - Kokopu School - 27 February**

Parents are asked to ensure please that children bring their lunches, plenty to drink, sunhats (and sun safe clothing), sunblock, something warm to wear between races, and spending money at your discretion. Please ensure that children who travel by bus also return to school by bus - unless otherwise arranged with the attending teachers. If weather is doubtful on the morning please check our phone bulletin board for updates. (Children who qualify at the zone event will be invited to participate in the Interschool Swimming Championships - more to follow on this). Any questions to Mr Schuster please.

**School Swimming Sports**

Our school swimming sports are scheduled for

*Senior (Y4-8s) Swimming Sports ... 12 March starting at approx. 10.30 finishing at 3pm*

*Junior (Y1-3s) Swimming Sports ... 15 March ... starting approx. 1.30pm, finishing at 3pm*

All parents, grandparents & whanau most welcome to come & support the children. More info to follow.

**International Schools English and Maths Competitions**

Consent forms for the above competitions will be sent out shortly. Please give careful thought regarding your child's participation this year. The competition is open to all comers but there is little point in participating if children are unlikely to complete a MINIMUM of 5 practice tests in the period building up to the test. In recent years a significant number of children did few or no practice tests, in spite of being issued with these at school and results reflected this. So ... we are keen to see as many children as possible on-board for these - but only if there is a commitment to do the practice tests.

**Junior Discovery Time**

1. Can you donate any of the following items, buttons, bottle tops, off cuts of wood, nuts, bolts, old pool noodles... anything the children can explore their imagination with? If so, please take to Room 1.
2. Does anyone have anything that children might like to deconstruct? Old locks, computer keyboards, old phones - anything people think a young mind might like to tinker with. If so, please drop to Room 1
3. If you have surplus fabrics, ribbon, netting, tulle, or anything suitable for wearable arts please drop these to Room 3. Any donations appreciated.

**Sun Safety**

Northland's sun can be pretty damaging, sometimes with awful long term consequences.

We do our best to ensure children without wide brimmed hats do not play out of the shade and children are given continual (daily) reminders to use sunblock if provided by parents.

Parents are asked to help please by ...

... considering sun safe clothing as an addition (or maybe alternative) for things like shoulders, arms, legs

... you may like to apply sunscreen each morning to your child, we understand on good authority that there is an 8 Hour sunblock which is highly effective, 50 plus protection (but not water resistant).

**Junior Trip to Reotahi**

*Introductory pool snorkel session at school - Monday 26th Feb Rooms 1, 2 & 4*

(Rooms 3 & 5 had their introduction this week). Please ensure children have their togs and have sunblock on as each session will be 1.5 hours.

*Marine reserve snorkel at Whangarei Harbour Marine Reserve (Reotahi)*

*Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March (Rooms 3 & 4)*

*Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March (Rooms 1, 2, 5)*

We will need a lot of parent help on this day for the water based activities, so please reserve these dates if at all possible. Further information will be sent home shortly.

*There is a Snorkel Day at Reotahi this Saturday - 24<sup>th</sup> February, which you may be interested in going to before we head out there with our juniors. Check this facebook link <https://www.facebook.com/emr.mtsct/> for more information.*

### Year 5 and 6 Camp – 6<sup>th</sup>–9<sup>th</sup> March 2018

We are happy to make accommodations for time payment of camp fees (\$160) ... just see Kevin. Any general questions in the run up to camp to Mr Schuster please – sschuster@matarau.school.nz.

### School Direction for 2018

A reminder ... if you would like to know more about our intended direction for 2018, you are invited to an informal discussion, 3:15pm next Thursday 1 March, in the school library, senior staff will be available to meet with parents interested in knowing a little more.

If you think you will be there, please give Helen a call. If you cannot make this meeting any staff member would be more than happy to explain further, and Kevin is available by appointment for a more lengthy discussion. Hopefully we get the chance to connect soon.

### Finally

When students leave our school we continue to be interested in their achievements. Please see below a photograph of former student Leila Nicholson at her graduation ceremony at the end of last year. Leila graduated with her PhD. Congratulations to Leila and her parents Peter and Jo. This is a phenomenal achievement and a real encouragement to others to "stay the course".



Regards  
Kevin Trewhella  
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## Matarau School After School Care

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Contact Kim on 021 066 3806

## **School Lunches**

**Mondays** – \$3.00 : Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with toast & a juice, or Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles & a juice. Order at the office by morning tea on Monday.

**Wednesdays** – \$1.50 : for Sausage (meat or vegetarian option) in bread with sauce. Order on Wednesday mornings through the classroom teacher.

**Fridays** – \$4.00 – Hot Mince Pie, Mince & Cheese Pie, Sausage Roll (with Museli Bar) or a Butter Chicken Wrap and a Fruit Drink. Or swap the Fruit drink for a Milk for \$5.00.

PLUS NEW – \$4.50 – Ham or Chicken Salad Wrap or Salad Wrap with a juice  
\$2.50 – Cup of Chilled Watermelon or Pineapple, or a mixed cup.

Order by Wednesday at the office, to receive Friday.



# Community Notices

**Battery Recycling** Please note that EcoSolutions will collect household batteries for recycling. Please drop your used batteries into them at 141 Cameron Street - next to the Toolshed.

**Kamo Touch A Truck!** The Kamo Fire Brigade are running their annual fundraising day. Sunday 18th March, Hurupaki School 10am – 3pm. Many local community businesses that have come together to support this event by offering machinery and vehicles of all shapes and sizes for kids to learn about, climb in and have some great hands on experiences with. There will be Rides, Food, Fire Fighting Combat Challenge and competitions.

**Mangakahia Junior Rugby Rally Day** Will be held on Saturday 17 March 2018 from 10am-12pm at the Mangakahia Complex. For more information contact Kylie Livingston on 021 122 7063.

**Ruatangata Junior Hockey Club Registration** - If your child is interested in playing hockey this year please send details to [ruatangatajmc@gmail.com](mailto:ruatangatajmc@gmail.com), including name, school, age, year at school and DOB.

**Primary/Intermediate School Doubles Tennis Tournament** – Run by Tennis Northland Inc Wednesday 7 March 2018 (rain delay Wed 14 March 2018). Venue: Thomas Neale Family Courts, 46 Winger Crescent, Kamo, Whangarei. Entry forms coming out soon. Contact Jill Lynch, via email at [tennisnorthland@xtra.co.nz](mailto:tennisnorthland@xtra.co.nz) for more information.

**Table Tennis for children in Years 5-8** Come and have fun and learn Table Tennis skills in our top class; Table Tennis Stadium at Kensington Park. Wednesdays 3.30-5.00pm; \$40 subscription for a year or \$2 casual fee per session. We have bats for sale or they may be hired for \$1. Soft soled non marking shoes must be worn. Ph Jessica 027 925 4538.

**ASB will donate \$500.00** to participating schools for every **new home loan** over \$250,000.00 taken with ASB when a voucher is presented by a borrower from your school community (school staff, parents, extended Whanau). There are some terms and conditions to be met and these are fully disclosed on the voucher – ask at the school office.

**Tri-kids at  
Kai Iwi Lakes  
– well done  
Senior Team Matarau!**

